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PROGRESS REPORT NO. 53

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 53 Month Ending November 2010

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of the activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

An amendment to the 2009/2010 Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Beach Sediment Sampling activities is being drafted and will be submitted for review and comment by the end of the calendar year. This amendment is intended to finalize sampling activities associated with the aforementioned QAPP.

A draft data gap and summary report for the surface water sampling program was submitted on the 15th of November; while a Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) Work Plan was submitted on the 6th of December.

Data validation activities under the white sturgeon sediment toxicity program are ongoing with the goal of providing validated data no later than the 29th of December. Additional draft items being prepared include: a technical memorandum summarizing results for methods development work[1], summary reports for 2008 white sturgeon water-borne exposure tests, a sediment QAPP, and a soils QAPP.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-892-2585.

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[1] With the exception of one data point, data generated during this program was evaluated and incorporated into the 2010 white sturgeon sediment toxicity study as intended and forms an integral component of the approved QAPP. This memorandum incorporates the Day 16 data point and provides an overall summary of the results.